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SUBJECT: TRADE TALKS - COLOMBIA

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 9486, STATE 226784

1. U.S. PARTY FOR TRADE TALKS WILL CONSIST OF:

ALBERT FISHLOW, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (ARA), DEPARTMENT OF STATE (CO-
CHAIRMAN);

STEPHEN LANDE, ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE,
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STR (CO-CHAIRMAN);

JOEL JOHNSON, DIVISION CHIEF, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY;

STEPHEN ROGERS, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY (ARA), DEPARTMENT OF STATE;

BETSY WHITE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR;

CARL SCHMIDT, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE;

GEORGE WHITE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, USDA.

2. ITINERARY AND LODGING - PARTY PLANS ARRIVE BOGOTA AT 3:10 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 VARIG FLIGHT 872 (FROM MANAUS).

ALL EXCEPT LANDE PLAN TO DEPART AT 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 ON BRANIFF FLIGHT 976. LANDE PLANS TO LEAVE AT 4:00 P.M., OCTOBER 11 ON BRANIFF FLIGHT 906. REQUEST RESERVATION OF SINGLE ROOMS AT TEQUENDAMA (OR, IF NOT AVAILABLE, HILTON).

3. AGENDA - WE WISH TO DISCUSS MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN), AND SUGGEST THIS BE FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA. U.S. WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ITEMS PROPOSED BY MINISTER RAMIREZ, I.E. GSP, TEXTILES, COLOMBIAN GATT ACCESSION, AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. RE GSP, WE EXPECT GOC MAY HAVE REACTION TO LIST OF GSP-PROPOSED PRODUCTS WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC COMPLAINT, AS INDICATED IN PARA TWO OF STATE 226784. WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO GOC INQUIRIES CONCERNING U.S. LAW WHICH BANS IMPORTATION OF GOODS MADE WITH PRISON LABOR (SEPTEL FOLLOWS). PLEASE RELAY INFORMATION RE ANY FURTHER SUBJECTS GOC MAY RAISE, WITH BOTH DEPARTMENT AND BRASILIA AS ADDRESSEES. (U.S. PARTY DEPARTS WASHINGTON FOR BRASILIA AFTERNOON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OCTOBER 7.)

4. COLOMBIAN PARTICIPANTS AND SCHEDULE - WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON GOC PARTICIPANTS, AS WELL AS A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE.

5. INTERPRETERS - IF ANY GOC PARTICIPANTS WILL SPEAK IN SPANISH, ASSUME EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE INTERPRETER (S). KISSINGER

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